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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 17-23 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add the following claims:

32. (New) An isolated host cell comprising:

- (a) a first vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a variant of a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein said variant comprises:
 - (aa) one or more parts of said wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said parts comprises at least that part which causes or allows the incorporation of said coat protein into the phage coat; and,
 - (ab) between one and six additional amino acid residues not present at the corresponding amino acid positions in a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said additional amino acid residues is a cysteine residue, and
- (b) a second vector comprising one or more nucleic acid sequences encoding a (poly)peptide/protein comprising a cysteine residue.

33. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 32, wherein said bacteriophage is a filamentous bacteriophage.

34. (New) An isolated host cell comprising:

- (a) a first vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a wild type coat protein or a truncated portion thereof of a bacteriophage, wherein said wild type coat protein or said truncated portion thereof comprises:
 - (aa) one or more parts of said wild type coat protein or said truncated variant thereof of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said parts comprises at least that part which causes or allows the incorporation of said coat protein into the phage coat; and,
 - (ab) a cysteine residue which is present at a corresponding amino acid position in a wild type coat protein or a truncated portion thereof of a bacteriophage, and
- (b) a second vector comprising one or more nucleic acid sequences encoding a (poly)peptide/protein comprising a cysteine residue.

35. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 34, wherein said bacteriophage is a filamentous bacteriophage.

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36. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 32, wherein said nucleic acid sequence encoding said variant of said wild type coat protein further encodes:

(c) one or more peptide sequences for purification and/or detection purposes, wherein said one or more peptide sequences are fused to said variant of said wild type coat protein.

37. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 43, wherein said nucleic acid sequence encoding said wild type coat protein or said truncated portion thereof further encodes:

(c) one or more peptide sequences for purification and/or detection purposes, wherein said one or more peptide sequences are fused to said variant of said wild type coat protein.

38.(New) The isolated host cell of claim 32, wherein said host cell is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect or mammalian host cell.

39. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 34, wherein said host cell is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect or mammalian host cell.

40. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 32, wherein said (poly)peptide/protein comprises an immunoglobulin or a functional fragment thereof.

41. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 34, wherein said (poly)peptide/protein comprises an immunoglobulin or a functional fragment thereof.

42. (New) A vector comprising

(a) a nucleic acid sequence encoding a variant of a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein said variant comprises:

(aa) one or more parts of said wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said parts comprises at least that part which causes or allows the incorporation of said coat protein into the phage coat; and
(ab) between one and six additional amino acid residues not present at the corresponding amino acid positions in a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said additional amino acid residues is a cysteine residue; and

(b) one or more nucleic acid sequences encoding a (poly)peptide/protein comprising a cysteine residue.

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43. (New) The vector of claim 42, wherein said bacteriophage is a filamentous bacteriophage.

44. (New) The vector of claim 42, wherein the expression product of said nucleic acid sequence encoding said variant of a wild type coat protein and the expression product of said nucleic acid sequences encoding a (poly)peptide/protein do not form a genetic fusion protein.

45. (New) The vector of claim 42, wherein no interaction domain for interaction with a second domain present in the (poly)peptide/protein has been recombinantly fused to said coat protein.

46. (New) The vector of claim 42, wherein said (poly)peptide/protein comprises an immunoglobulin or a functional fragment thereof.

47. (New) The vector of claim 44, wherein said (poly)peptide/protein comprises an immunoglobulin or a functional fragment thereof.

48. (New) The vector of claim 45, wherein said (poly)peptide/protein comprises an immunoglobulin or a functional fragment thereof.

49. (New) An isolated host cell comprising a vector of claim 42.

50. (New) An isolated host cell comprising a vector of claim 43.

51. (New) An isolated host cell comprising a vector of claim 44.

52. (New) An isolated host cell comprising a vector of claim 45.

53. (New) An isolated host cell comprising a vector of claim 46.

54. (New) An isolated host cell comprising a vector of claim 47.

55. (New) An isolated host cell comprising a vector of claim 48.

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56. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 49, wherein said host cell is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect or mammalian host cell.

57. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 50, wherein said host cell is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect or mammalian host cell.

58. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 51, wherein said host cell is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect or mammalian host cell.

59. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 52, wherein said host cell is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect or mammalian host cell.

60. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 53, wherein said host cell is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect or mammalian host cell.

61. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 54, wherein said host cell is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect or mammalian host cell.

62. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 55, wherein said host cell is a bacterial, fungal, plant, insect or mammalian host cell.

63. (New) The isolated host cell of claim 49, wherein said bacteriophage is a filamentous bacteriophage.

64. (New) An isolated nucleic acid sequence encoding

(a) a variant of a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein said variant comprises:

(aa) one or more parts of said wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said parts comprises at least that part which causes or allows the incorporation of said coat protein into the phage coat; and

(ab) between one and six additional amino acid residues not present at the corresponding amino acid positions in a wild type coat protein of a bacteriophage, wherein one of said additional amino acid residues is a cysteine residue; and

(b) a (poly)peptide/protein comprising a cysteine residue.

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65. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 64, wherein said (poly)peptide/protein comprising the cysteine residue is selected from the group consisting of immunoglobulins, VH, VL, Fv, scFv, disulfide-linked Fv, Fab and F(ab')₂.

66. (New) An isolated host cell comprising the nucleic acid sequence of claim 64.

67. (New) An isolated host cell comprising the nucleic acid sequence of claim 65.